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PRESS RELEASE

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### **FEBRUARY MILK PRODUCTION IN PENNSYLVANIA UP 7.6 PERCENT**

**HARRISBURG** --- Milk production in **Pennsylvania** during the 29 days of February 2000 totaled 910 million pounds, 7.6 percent above last February's 28-day production of 846 million pounds, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service (PASS). Figured on a 28-day month, the increase in production compared to last February would have been 3.9 percent. The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 617,000 head, unchanged from January but 2,000 more than February 1999.

Production per cow averaged 1,475 pounds for 29 days in February, 45 pounds less than January's production per cow of 1,520 pounds but 100 pounds more than the 28-day production of February 1999.

Milk production in the **20 states surveyed** during February 2000 totaled 11.7 billion pounds, up 8.2 percent compared to production in these same states during February 1999. However, adjusting production for the additional day due to the leap year causes February milk production to be up 4.5 percent on a per day basis. January revised production, at 12.3 billion pounds, was up 4.9 percent from January 1999. The January revision represented an increase of 0.2 percent or 24 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major states averaged 1,505 pounds for February, 101 pounds more than February 1999 without adjusting for the extra day.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major states was 7.77 million head, 72,000 head more than February 1999 and 3,000 head more than January 2000.